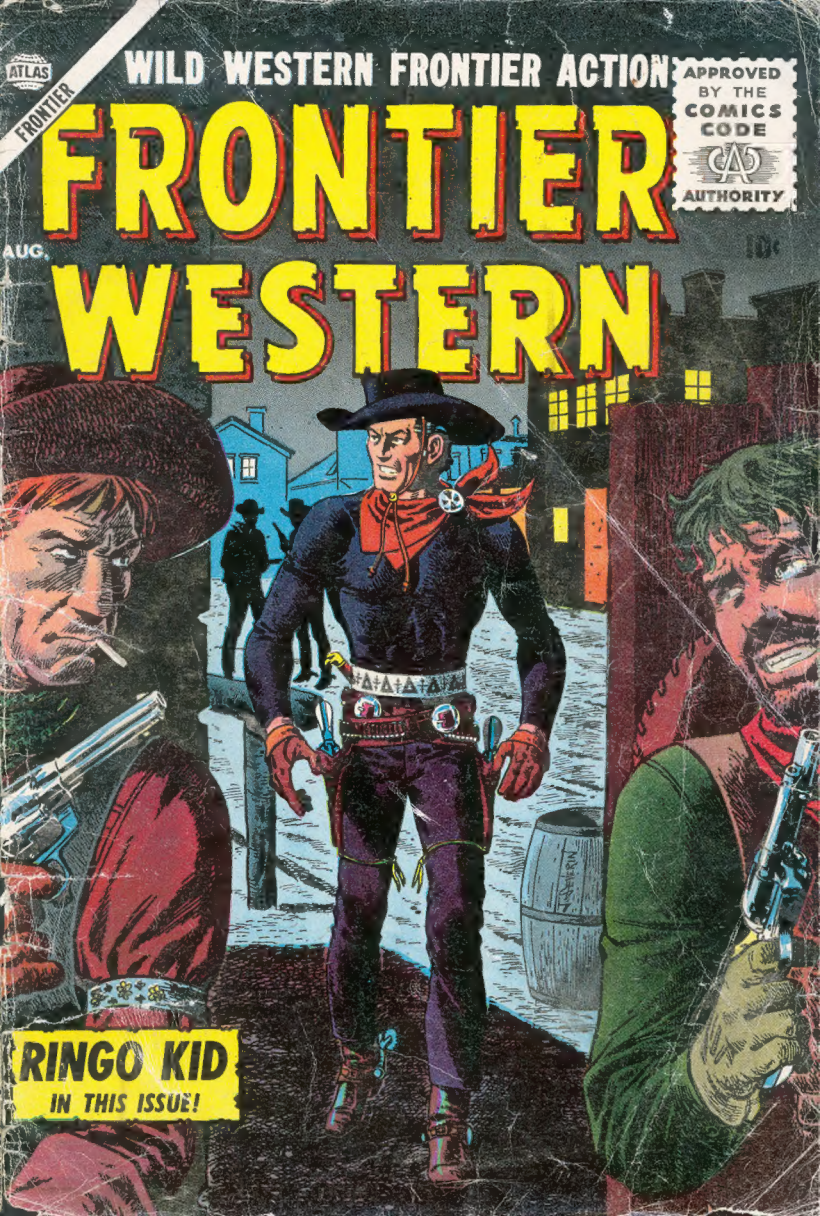
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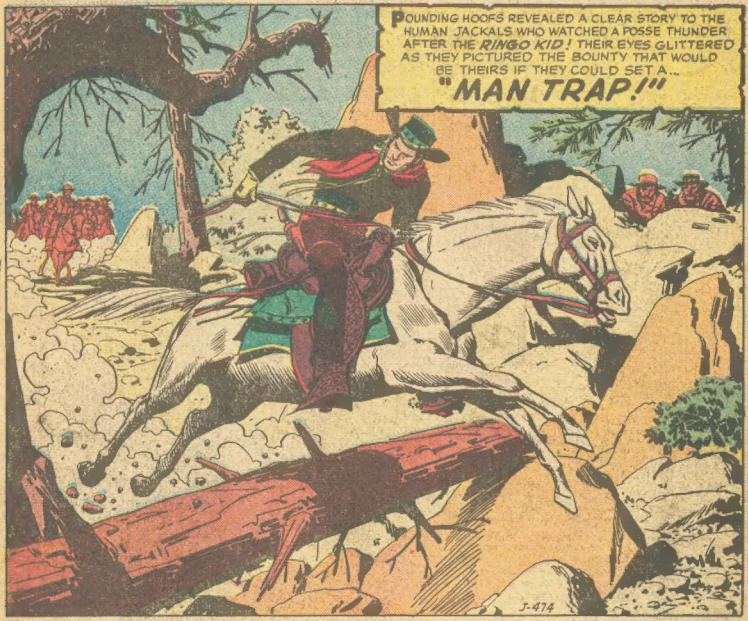
POUNDING HOOFS REVEALED A CLEAR STORY TO THE HUMAN JACKALS WHO WATCHED A POSSE THUNDER AFTER THE RINGO KID! THEIR EYES GLITTERED AS THEY PICTURED THE BOUNTY THAT WOULD BE THEIRS IF THEY COULD SET A...
"MAN TRAP!"
J-474

YOU KNOW WHO THAT HOMBRE WAS, ELSON?
THE RINGO KID! HE MUST HAVE A PRICE ON HIS HEAD TO WARRANT THAT MANY LAWMEN OUT TO GRAB HIM!

HE'S HEADED FOR THE BORDER TOWN OF PILARES, OR MY NAME AIN'T PUMA STAGG!
THEY WON'T CHASE HIM INTO PILARES! AIN'T NO LAW THERE BUT THE IRON HAND OF SHARK DISTON! ARE YOU THINKIN' WHAT I AM, PUMA?
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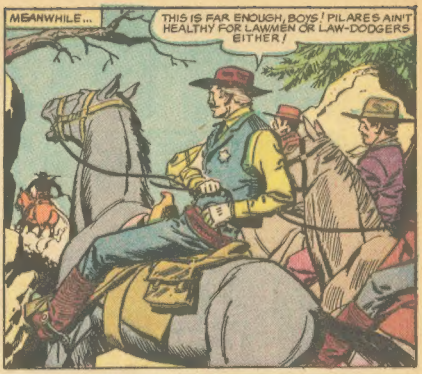
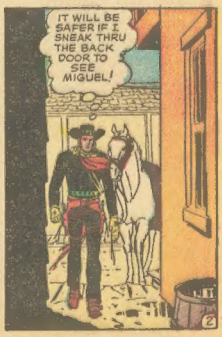


PILARES WAS TOO CONCERNED WITH ITS OWN LAWLESS AFFAIRS TO NOTICE THE STRANGER WHO WALKED HIS HORSE INTO TOWN...
THE SAME OLD HOLE IT'S BEEN EVER SINCE SHARK DIXON THREW JIM BELMONT INTO THE CLINK AND TOOK OVER!

AT THE FAR END OF THE STREET, THE RINGO KID DUCKED INTO AN ALLEY...



MINTUES LATER...
IT IS RINGO! YOU RISK YOUR LIFE TO COME HERE, COMPANERO!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, MIGUEL! CAN WE TALK SOMEWHERE WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED?
YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE COME FOR, MIGUEL!
SI, AMIGO! I HAVE HORSES AND TWO GOOD COMPADRES TO HELP YOU! IT GOES BAD HERE, AMIGO! THIS SHARK DISTON IS EL DIABLO HIMSELF!
HOW ABOUT BELMONT? DO YOU THINK HE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO RIDE?
SI... SOMETIMES I MANAGE TO BRING HIM FOOD... HE WILL RIDE!
I'LL HAVE TO MOVE OUT AT DUSK, MIGUEL! HAVE YOUR FRIENDS WAIT FOR ME NEAR THE JAIL! KEEP EVERYTHING READY!
BUT AS THE RINGO KID SLIPPED OUT THE DOOR...
THERE HE GOES! LET'S KEEP ON HIS TAIL TILL WE SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!
I'M GETTING NERVOUS!
AS DARKNESS FELL OVER THE TOWN OF PILARES...
HOWDY, RINGO! MIGUEL TOLD US TO MEET YOU HERE! THE PASSWORD'S RIO DEL ORO!
GOOD ENOUGH! TOSS THE ROPE OVER! IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, MAKE YOURSELF SCARCE AND TELL MIGUEL TO LAY LOW!
PRISON
MOMENTS LATER, THE RINGO KID DROPPED LIKE A BIG CAT INSIDE THE PRISON YARD...
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THE PRISON DEPUTY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED HIM TO BLACK OUT...
GO TO SLEEP! ALL I WANT ARE THE KEYS!
NO TIME FOR TALKING NOW, JIM! ANYBODY ELSE WE CAN TURN LOOSE?
THE PEN IS FULL OF GOOD MEN, RINGO! I'VE GOT JUST ONE SCORE TO SETTLE...SHARK DISTON!
KEEP DOWN THE TALKING! IF YOU NEED GUNS, YOU'LL FIND THEM IN THE OFFICE!
GAUNT SHADOWS SWARMED FROM THE PILARES PRISON AND MELTED INTO THE NIGHT, AS THE BOUNTY HUNTERS WATCHED...
HE'S EMPTYING THE WHOLE PEN!
SHUT UP AN' WATCH RINGO! IT'S HIM WE WANT!
PRISON
WE WANT THAT LAW-DODGIN' RANNY WHO'S WITH HIM, TOO! WE'LL COLLECT DOUBLE BOUNTY ON THIS DEAL!
WE'LL HEAD THEM OFF ON THE TRAIL OUTSIDE PILARES!
MEANWHILE, SHARK DISTON BASKED IN FALSE SECURITY IN THE GAMBLING DEN HE RULED WITH A CROOKED HAND...
GO OVER TO THE PEN AND BRING IN JIM BELMONT! I WANT HIM TO SEE HOW THE TOWN IS RUNNING SINCE WE DUMPED HIS THRONE!
DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF, SHARK! I'M HERE, AND THERE ARE THIRTY HONEST MEN OUTSIDE TO MAKE SURE I STAY!
GET HIM, BOYS!
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SIX-GUNS THUNDERED A DEAFENING DIRGE...
CLEAN HOUSE, BOYS! I'LL BE BACK TO START PILARES OFF WITH A CLEAN SLATE!
MEANWHILE, ON THE TRAIL OUTSIDE PILARES...
HERE THEY COME, ELSON! WE WANT 'EM ALIVE, SO MAKE SURE YUH DON'T LOSE US THE BOUNTIES!
WE'LL BE HEROES WHEN WE TURN THEM OVER TO THE LAW!
SUDDENLY...
ON YOUR FEET, YOU PAIR OF SCURVY HOUNDS!
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? YOU SIDIN' WITH THEM LAW-DODGIN' VARMINTS? WE WANT REWARD MONEY FOR BOTH OF 'EM!
BOUNTY HUNTERS, EH? YOU WANT A REWARD FOR AMBUSHING THE SHERIFF OF PILARES AND THE MAN WE SENT TO RESCUE HIM?
B-BUT THIS HOMBRE'S THE RINGO KID! WE SAW YOU CHASIN' HIM THIS MORNIN'!
CHASING HIM? WE WERE ESCORTING HIM TO PILARES, JUST SO BUZZARDS LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BOTHER HIM!
LEAVE THEM THERE, MARSHAL! WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO TOWN, SO YOU CAN SIGN THE ORDERS PUTTING SHARK DISTON AND HIS MEN BEHIND BARS!
5
THE END

OLD MINING TOWN

ONCE a mining town, Minehill City had been crowded, forty years before, with three thousand citizens. It had possessed a railroad siding, a weekly newspaper, a town hall and several churches. But the mining works had played out . . . and the town had become a ghost. Moreover, the water table, that had been exhausted in being lowered a good fifty feet was only just now returning to anything like its previous abundance. At the foot of what had been Federal Street, was the town pump. Federal Street itself had enjoyed, at that far distant date, a value of something like a thousand dollars a foot frontage. A pail of water from the pump cost, on occasion, fifty cents, sometimes a dollar. Then, for almost thirty-five years a pail of water from the same pump might as well have cost a million dollars . . . for not a drop could be coaxed out of it.

Dan Logan had been born thirty years before Minehill City had even been founded . . . and his birthplace had been a tiny shack within a stone's throw of where the town hall was ultimately erected. Like many another westerner, when it had come Dan's time to roam, he roamed. He came back twice to Minehill . . . in the period of its founding, and its heyday which lasted a mere few years, and then, for the last time, over thirty-five years later.

When he came back, he told himself he'd returned for good.

Dan's old age pension brought in enough to feed him. For the rest he sold firewood to many of the big spreads twenty miles west of the old town. The source of the wood was abandoned Minehill itself. A good thirty percent of its buildings had already tumbled down on the outskirts. This was because the outskirts had been built after the solid center of the town. What with growing prosperity, came higher prices. Consequently, the further out from the town hall the buildings went, the skimpier they were, and the more flimsily held together. Now, only the original public buildings and Federal Street remained intact.

The rest burned briskly enough in ranch house fireplaces during the winters, to make up the rest of Dan's feed. He had a horse and a buckboard. By adding two levels to the buckboard's back he could pile in enough planks to make a day's trip profitable.

Now, as Dan turned from the weekly visit of the Duane R.F.D. postal route, he opened the local weekly, the Buzzer. The Buzzer was the usual kind of rural paper. It recorded the happenings of Duane County in eight-point body type and twelve-point headlines.

On this particular day a twenty - four - point headline caught his eye.

Dan muttered, as he read the story. "I'll be horn-swoggled!" he said, half-way through it. Finally, as he reached the end of the story, he almost reached the end of his store of exclamations with a loud, "Why, the fool galoots!"

Five minutes later, the old man was rattling out of Minehill toward the town of Duane itself. The buckboard, drawn by the old horse, careened from side to side as Dan urged it on. It was an hour and a half before he was tying up outside the office of Sheriff Gil Barrows. Dan knew Gil pretty well, for the sheriff always stayed at his shack when out on his rounds. The sheriff was busy at some paper work when Dan entered the office, red-faced and puffing.

"Morning, Dan," Gil said pleasantly.

"What's this I hear about Buck Patterson and his crew taking over the land around Minehill for range?" Dan demanded. "I thought all that land would be included in the new state park."

"It was supposed to be," the sheriff said quietly. "But there's a provision that any water table land can be acquired before noon on Tuesday, tomorrow. After that, the park lines will be drawn to include any outside what's been spoken for."

"Gil, you know as well as I do that Patterson will overdrain that Minehill water table with

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SETH DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM!
LET'S MAKE TRACKS AFORE THE SHOOTIN' STARTS!
I GOT A GOOD MIND TO MAKE YUH ROLL IN THE MUD YORESELF, TO SEE HOW IT FEELS!
I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE YUH, MISTER!
AIN'T NOBODY TALKS TO HANK HAWKE LIKE THAT!
HANK H-HAWKE! I-I DIDN'T KNOW!
I'M SORRY, MISTER HAWKE...I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM... I SHORE DO APOLOGIZE! IT WUZ MY FAULT!
RECKON YUH BETTER LAY DOWN AND RELAX, MISTER, YUH LOOK UPSET! YUH HEARD ME...GIT DOWN IN THE MUD!
SHORE, MISTER HAWKE, SHORE... IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
I RECKON...

YUH SHORE OPENED YORE MOUTH TOO WIDE, SETH!
HE ALMOST KILLED ME... I-I WUZ LUCKY!
I DON'T BLAME YUH FOR BACKWASHING, SETH... NOBODY WANTS TO PICK A FIGHT WITH HANK HAWKE!
MOVE, HOMBRE... I WANNA TAKE A HAND IN THIS GAME!
HUH?
RECKON YOU NEED A LESSON IN MANNERS WHOEVER YOU ARE, STRANGER!
THE NAME'S HAWKE... HANK HAWKE!
I DIDN'T KNOW. I-I WUZ JUST LEAVIN'! YUH CAN TAKE MY PLACE, SHORE!
MIGHTY OBLIGIN' OF YUH!
RECKON IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO, TOO!
ME TOO... MY WIFE'S PROBABLY GOT DINNER READY!
SIT DOWN, GENTS! I DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO MEN LEAVIN' A CARD GAME WHEN I JOIN IN!
SHORE, MISTER HAWKE, WE'LL STAY!
MUH WIFE CAN WAIT AWHILE, I RECKON!
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AS THE GAME PROGRESSED, HANK HAWKE LOST STEADILY...
TOO BAD, MISTER HAWKE...RECKON THIS AIN'T YORE LUCKY DAY!
RECKON...
WELL, THAT CLEANS ME. I'M BROKE!
TOO BAD, MISTER HAWKE, RECKON WE'LL GO HOME NOW!
YEAH, NICE PLAYIN' WITH YUH...
SIT DOWN! I FIGGER YUH'D ALL LIKE TO LEND ME THE MONEY TO KEEP PLAYIN' UNTIL I WIN!
BUT...YOU CAN'T MAKE US DO THAT.. IT AIN'T RIGHT!
DID I HEAR YUH RIGHTLY?
ULP..N-NO! I RECKON WE'LL LEND YUH AS MUCH AS YUH NEED!
CRACK
HOLD IT, NEVADA. YUH DON'T HAVE TO PLAY ANY MORE THAN YUH WANT TO!
WELL, WELL....SO EVEN A ONE-HOSS TOWN LIKE THIS HAS A SHERIFF, EH?

HAWKE, I'M CHARGIN' YUH WITH CREATIN' A DISTURBANCE IN THIS TOWN! EITHER GIT OUT OF TOWN PRONTO, OR I'M SLAPPIN' YUH IN JAIL!
LOOKS LIKE YUH'LL BE NEEDIN' A NEW SHERIFF SOON, HOMBRES!
YORE GUN'S ON THE TABLE! EITHER MAKE YORE PLAY OR RAISE YORE ARMS! I GOT NO USE FOR LOUD-MOUTHED BRAGGIN' GUN-SLINGERS!
SHORE, SHERIFF... I'LL MAKE MUH PLAY...NOW!
SHUCKS, I DON'T RECKON IT'S ANYTHING WORTH HAVIN' A KILLIN' OVER! I'LL LEAVE TOWN...
DID YUH SEE THAT? YUH MADE HANK HAWKE BACK DOWN!
HOW D YUH DO IT?
IT WASN'T HARD!
I'VE KNOWN ABOUT HAWKE FOR YEARS, HE'S BEEN LIVIN' OFF HIS REPUTATION ALL THE TIME! EVERYONE'S BEEN SO SCARED OF HIM THAT NO ONE EVER DREW AGAINST HIM. SO HE'S BECOME STALE! HE KNEW IT AND IT JUST NEEDED SOMEONE TO CALL HIS BLUFF!
THE END
AND THAT WAS THE LAST ANYONE EVER HEARD OF HANK HAWKE...JUST ANOTHER CASE OF A COWARD WHO BACKED DOWN WHEN CONFRONTED BY A MAN WITH CONVICTIONS, AND THE NERVE TO BACK THEM!

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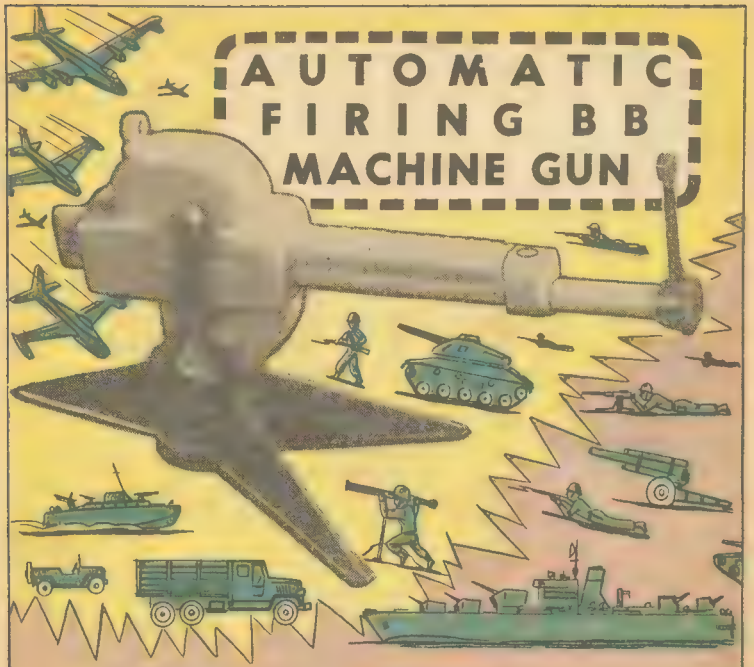

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TOO BAD, MATT... BUT I HOPE WE'LL STILL BE FRIENDS!
FRIENDS? WITH YOU? A NO-COUNT TIN SOLDIER? I THOUGHT YUH HAD BETTER TASTE THAN THAT, EMILY!
SEE HERE, MATT... YOU CAN'T... UGH!
THIS IS WHAT I THINK OF YOU, AND THE WHOLE ARMY!
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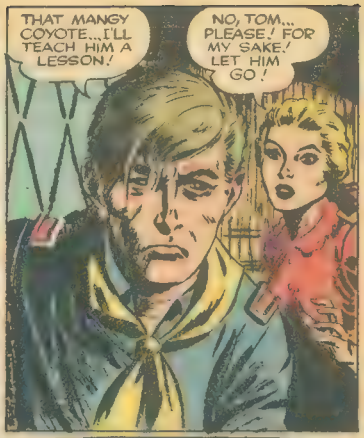
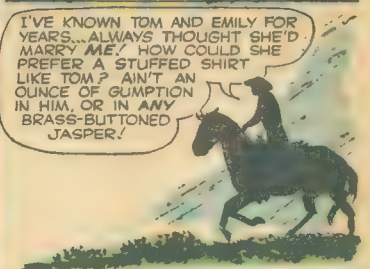
IF THAT'S WHO YOU WANT INSTEAD OF ME YO'RE WELCOME TO HIM!
MATT, IF YOU'D ONLY LISTEN TO REASON...


THAT MANGY COYOTE...I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON!
NO, TOM... PLEASE! FOR MY SAKE! LET HIM GO!


I'VE KNOWN TOM AND EMILY FOR YEARS...ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE'D MARRY ME! HOW COULD SHE PREFER A STUFFED SHIRT LIKE TOM? AIN'T AN OUNCE OF GUMPTION IN HIM, OR IN ANY BRASS-BUTTONED JASPER!

INJUNS!

I'M SURROUNDED! AIN'T GOT A CHANCE!

UGH!
THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! ABOUT A DOZEN SIOUX... I SAW 'EM FROM A RIDGE, BUT I COULDN'T GET TO 'IM IN TIME! THEY TOOK THE WHITE MAN PRISONER!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN MATT... THE FOOL RODE RIGHT INTO 'EM!
THEY'LL KEEP HIM CAPTIVE UNTIL SUNDOWN! THEN THEY'LL DO THEIR WORST! WITH LUCK I CAN STILL MAKE IT!
SHALL I HAVE THE BUGLER BLOW ASSEMBLY, SIR?
TOM... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WHAT ANY MAN WOULD DO... I'M GOING TO BRING MATT BACK! NO, CORPORAL... I'LL HAVE TO DO IT ALONE! A PLATOON WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SNEAK INTO THEIR CAMP UNSEEN!
HE'S RIDING INTO CERTAIN DEATH, MISS EMILY!
MAY HEAVEN PROTECT HIM!

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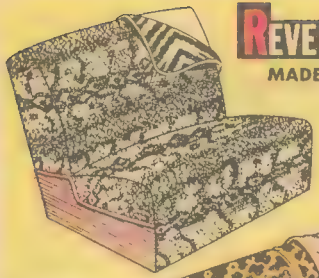

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SHUT UP, YUH FOOL, AND FOLLOW ME WHEN I GIVE YUH THE SIGNAL! I'M UNTYING THE KNOTS, NOT TESTING THEM!
TOM!
NOW!
WHITE MAN ESCAPE!
TOO BAD YUH HAVE TO BE SAVED BY A SOLDIER, MATT! I RECKON YOU'D HAVE PREFERRED TO STAY WITH THE SIOUX!
MAN, I RECKON I GOT A LOT OF APOLOGIZING TO DO!
THE NEXT DAY, AS PLANNED, A WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT FORT CARSON...
I DO...
AND THE HAPPY BEST MAN WAS THE NEWEST RECRUIT AT THE POST...PRIVATE MATT SAWYER!
YAY...BEST DING-DONGED WEDDING I EVER SEEN!
THE END

BILLY BUCKSKIN

THESE PALEFACES ARE TO BLAME, GREAT CHIEF! THEY HAVE CAST AN EVIL SPELL, FRIGHTENING AWAY ALL THE CREATURES OF THE PLAINS!
WHY, THAT CRITTER'S PLUMB OUTA HIS HEAD!
FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE WARLIKE CAHITAS WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT WHEN BILLY BUCKSKIN AND HIS PAL SOAPY WERE ACCUSED OF CAUSING THE SCARCITY OF GAME, THEY KNEW THE WORST WAS STILL TO COME IN THE...
"BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL!"

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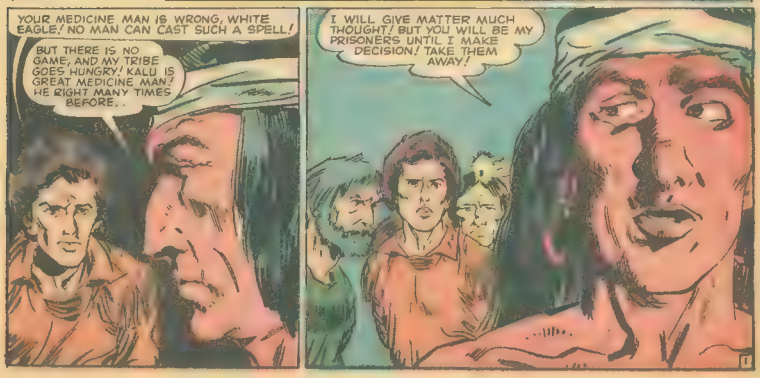
YOUR MEDICINE MAN IS WRONG, WHITE EAGLE! NO MAN CAN CAST SUCH A SPELL!
BUT THERE IS NO GAME, AND MY TRIBE GOES HUNGRY! KALU IS GREAT MEDICINE MAN! HE RIGHT MANY TIMES BEFORE.
I WILL GIVE MATTER MUCH THOUGHT! BUT YOU WILL BE MY PRISONERS UNTIL I MAKE DECISION! TAKE THEM AWAY!

WELL, WE'RE IN FER IT NOW, BILLY! THET MEDICINE MAN IS OUT TUH GET US!
IT LOOKS THAT WAY, SOAPY! WITH HIS MAGIC FAILING TO IMPROVE THE HUNTING, HE HAD TO PUT THE BLAME SOMEWHERE... AND WE SURE CAME IN HANDY!
WHAT D'YA THINK THEY'LL DO WITH US?
THAT'S HARD TO SAY, BUT THE CAHITAS AREN'T KNOWN FOR BEING GENTLE! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT... AND SEE!
BUT LATE THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE MOON RODE HIGH IN A CLOUDY SKY...
AND SECONDS LATER..
BILLY . LOOKA' THAR!
QUIET, SOAPY!
SWIFTLY THE SHARP BLADE DID ITS WORK, CUTTING AN OPENING THROUGH WHICH STEPPED THE INDIAN BOY...
I AM TOWANI, SON OF THE CHIEF, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THE MEDICINE MAN KALU! THAT IS WHY I AM HERE...TO HELP YOU ESCAPE!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN', TOWANI!
I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR RIFLES IN THE FOREST, BEYOND OUR VILLAGE! YOU WILL FOLLOW ME AND I WILL TAKE YOU TO THEM!
WE'RE GRATEFUL, TOWANI... MIGHTY GRATEFUL!
LATER, WHEN THEY HAD MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE...
THANKS AGAIN, TOWANI, BUT YOU'RE SURE THIS WON'T BE GETTING YOU IN TROUBLE?
I AM SON OF A GREAT CHIEF! I DO WHAT I THINK RIGHT, AND I AM NOT AFRAID! GO NOW... AND HURRY!

SOON THEY WERE POUNDING THE TRAIL AT A GOOD CLIP, BUT SUDDENLY...
HEY, BILLY! THIS AIN'T NO TIME TUH SLOW DOWN! WHAT'S KEEPIN' YUH?
TAKE A LOOK HERE, SOAPY...ON THE TRAIL! THEY PASSED THIS WAY!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, BILLY! ALL I WANT IS TUH KEEP MOVIN'!
AN' FURTHERMORE... HEY, BILLY... WHAR YUH GOIN'?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
MEANWHILE, IN THE CAHITAS' VILLAGE, WHEN THE ESCAPE WAS DISCOVERED...
NOW THE GREAT SPIRIT IS MUCH ANGRY! THE PALEFACES HAVE ESCAPED... AND THEY HAVE BEEN AIDED BY ONE OF OUR OWN BROTHERS! BUT THE ONE WHO HAS HELPED THEM SHALL SUFFER GREATLY...
HIS SECRET WILL NOT REMAIN IN DARKNESS FROM KALU'S MAGIC! BEFORE THIS MOON FADES, I WILL KNOW WHICH OF YOU IT WAS!
THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR WAITING! YOU WILL KNOW NOW, KALU!
YOU...?
YES, I TOWANI, SON OF THE CHIEF WHITE EAGLE! THE PALEFACES HAVE DONE NO HARM, AND YOU BLAME THEM ONLY BECAUSE YOUR MAGIC IS WEAK AND FOOLISH! IF THE GAME IS SCARCE, THEN WE MUST BECOME BETTER HUNTERS!

YOUR WORDS ARE LIES... BUT I WILL SILENCE THEM!
SUDDENLY, WITH SHATTERING FORCE...
TOWANI IS RIGHT, KALU! I AM NOT TO BLAME FOR THE POOR HUNTING!
WHAT YOU SAY MATTERS LITTLE... YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE AGAIN!
NOW YOU... OHHHH!
I RETURNED BECAUSE I HAVE GOOD NEWS! I HAVE JUST SEEN MANY HOOFPRINTS ON THE TRAIL. THE PRINTS OF A MIGHTY HERD OF BUFFALO! THE HUNTING WILL SOON BE GOOD AGAIN! COME... AND I WILL POINT THE WAY!
AND WHEN BILLY PROVED HIS WORDS...
HUNGER MADE US UNWISE, AND SO WE LISTENED TO KALU'S EMPTY WORDS! THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN! WE SHALL REMEMBER YOUR WISDOM, AND YOUR KINDNESS, ALL OF OUR DAYS!
AND I SHALL REMEMBER TOWANI!
IT WAS HIS COURAGE THAT SAVED THE LIFE OF MYSELF AND MY FRIEND! HE ALONE WASN'T FOOLED BY KALU! SOMEDAY HE WILL MAKE A WISE AND GREAT CHIEF FOR HIS PEOPLE!
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pumps inside of a year!"

"It's legal," Gil pointed out.

"But downright careless," Dan insisted. "The state park itself will suffer. Trees are startin' to grow down in the gulches. But most of 'em will die if Buck takes that land over. And you also know he doesn't need it!"

"Sure you're not just interested in keeping your own bunk-hole in Minehill?" Gil asked slyly.

"Sure I'm interested," Dan said heatedly. "But I could stay there anyway, and even keep sellin' firewood. What I couldn't do after a year is drink water that isn't there . . . and neither can the state park trees just over the line, if Buck grabs the land. He'll irrigate every bit of the land for grass . . . and drain the water table in a year. That's just one-crop stuff. It isn't right that any galoot takes a one-crop fodder profit and ruin the land for forty years more." Dan snorted. "I demand you do somethin' about it!"

"I can't, Dan," Gil said. "Sure, I'm sheriff, but I could only stop Buck if there was some issue to vote on and the county decided against him. There's just no time to even institute proceedings on a vote. It would take months."

For the space of a full half minute, old Dan stared hungrily at the tin star of authority on the sheriff's chest. Then he turned and left.

Gil Barrows started after Dan for a moment. He knew the old man, knew how fiery and peppery he could be. Dan was one of his best friends and he didn't want him hurt. He got up and walked out of his office and down to the benches in front of the Duane Hotel where Buck Patterson often passed the time of day with his bunkhouse crew when in town.

"Howdy, Sheriff," Buck said.

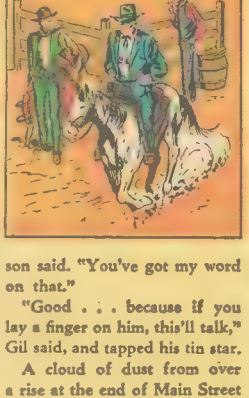
Gil Barrows nodded.

"Buck, I understand you're riding up tomorrow to claim the Minehill lands."

The cattleman nodded.

"Well, when you do, leave Dan Logan alone. I know Dan well enough to realize he wants peace. Just you don't pull the boys on him . . ." And Gil's narrowed eyes swung from one to the other of the seated line of four men.

"Why sure, Sheriff," Patter-



son said. "You've got my word on that."

"Good . . . because if you lay a finger on him, this'll talk," Gil said, and tapped his tin star.

A cloud of dust from over a rise at the end of Main Street told Gil that old Dan was heading home in a hot rage . . . and fast.

It was almost two o'clock the next day when Buck Patterson rode down Main Street followed by his crew. They dismounted at the Sheriff's office. Patterson stormed in.

"I want Dan Logan arrested!" he cried.

"Why?" Gil asked. "Has he busted a law?"

Buck Patterson opened his mouth to reply, but hesitated.

"Maybe not," he ground out, finally. "But . . ." His eyes brightened. "You can sling him in the calaboose for tryin' to impersonate an officer of the law!"

"What for?" A voice behind Buck spoke. The cattleman jumped, startled. There stood old Dan Logan . . . and outside in the street, his buckboard. He addressed himself to Gil. These galoots rode up and demanded I skedaddle out of Minehill City. I refused. What's more, as Sheriff of Minehill City, I ordered them out." He took a tin star from his chest and put it on Barrow's desk. "I hereby resign my office. The deadline's past . . . and the water table's safe for my section of the state park."

"But you weren't a legal sheriff!" Patterson insisted.

"I sure *was*," Dan said. "Minehill City was an incorporated town . . . and the incorporation is good for fifty years. I'm sole citizen, with power to vote and appoint officials . . . so I voted myself into office as Sheriff, and ordered you galoots away for the good of Minehill City, with a tin star I made out of a tin can!"

"He's got you there, Buck," Gil Barrows said. Then he turned to Dan with a puzzled grin. "But you've lost your living, Dan. Minehill City's State property, now."

"So it is," the old man said, proudly. "It's a State relic, too . . . and as sole resident, I get prior claim as paid custodian!"

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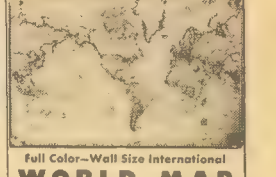

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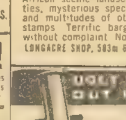

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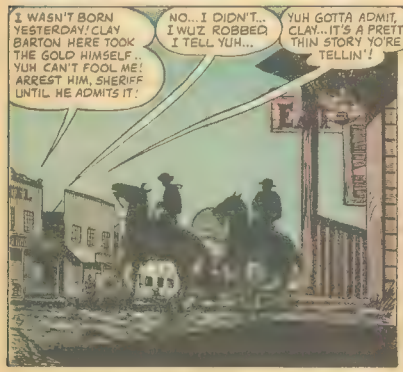
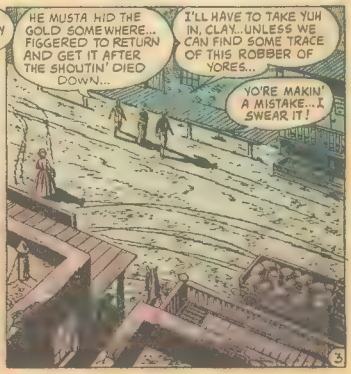
THE HOLDUP!

IT CAME FROM THOSE ROCKS SOMEWHERE WHERE'S MY RIFLE ..?
I WOULDN'T REACH FOR THAT RIFLE... YUH WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!
WHO ARE YUH? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WANT THIS LITTLE SACK OF GOLD NUGGETS ..AND AS FAR AS WHO I AM... YOU TRY TO FIGGER THAT OUT!
YUH CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! YUH'LL BE CAUGHT SOONER OR LATER!
NO I WON'T.. YOU WILL BE!
I WILL BE?? WHUT DO YUH MEAN BY THAT?
YUH'LL SEE, HOMBRE AFTER YUH WALK TO TOWN!
MY HOSS ..COME BACK... YO'RE TAKIN' MY HOSS!

ELEVEN HOURS LATER FOOTSORE AND WEARY, A DUSTY FIGURE STAGGERED INTO THE TOWN OF GUN BELT, ARIZONA

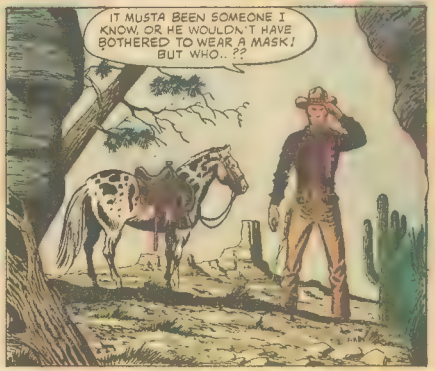
WHAT!! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YO'RE NOT EVEN WOUNDED! YOU WEREN'T EVEN HURT! ARE YUH TRYING TO TRICK ME?
NO, SIR... A MASKED MAN TOOK THE GOLD AND MUH HOSS... I HADDA WALK BACK TO TOWN!


I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY! CLAY BARTON HERE TOOK THE GOLD HIMSELF.. YUH CAN'T FOOL ME! ARREST HIM, SHERIFF UNTIL HE ADMITS IT!
NO... I DIDN'T.. I WUZ ROBBED I TELL YUH...
YUH GOTTA ADMIT, CLAY.. IT'S A PRETTY THIN STORY YO'RE TELLIN'!


HE MUSTA HID THE GOLD SOMEWHERE... FIGGERED TO RETURN AND GET IT AFTER THE SHOUTIN' DIED DOWN...
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YUH IN, CLAY.. UNLESS WE CAN FIND SOME TRACE OF THIS ROBBER OF YORES...
YO'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE... I SWEAR IT!

CLAY BARTON WAS HELD IN JAIL FOR WEEKS ON SUSPICION OF ROBBERY... BUT NO PROOF WAS UNEARTHED, SO HE WAS FINALLY FREED! HOWEVER, NO MAN IN TOWN WOULD OFFER HIM A JOB, OR GIVE HIM ANY TRUST... AND SO, CLAY BARTON LEFT GUN BELT, A BITTER MAN...

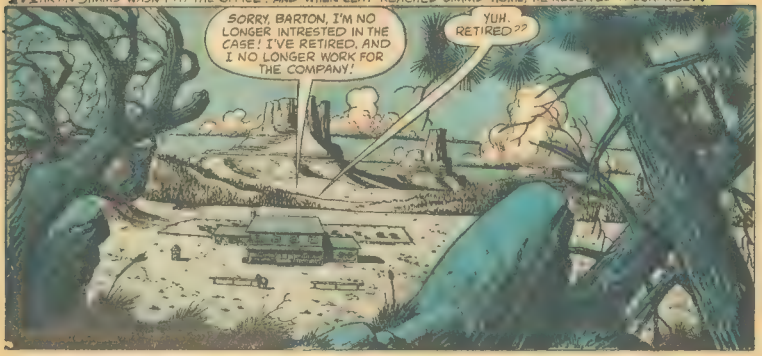
CLAY RODE BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, TO DO SOME HEAVY THINKING.

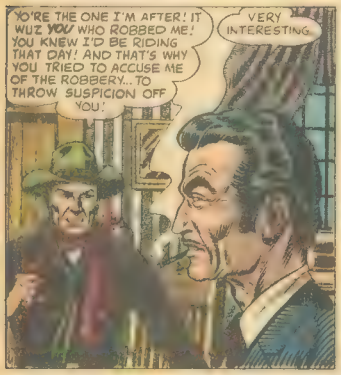


I GOT IT! ALL I GOTTA DO IS CHECK THE HOMBRES I KNOW, AND SEE WHO'S BEEN ACTIN' $4,000 RICHER LATELY! I OUGHTTA GET MY MAN BY NIGHTFALL!

BACK IN TOWN, CLAY DID A LOT OF SNOOPING, AND QUESTIONING BUT HE WAS UP AGAINST A BLANK WALL! NONE OF THE MEN HE KNEW SEEMED TO BE ANY RICHER!

MARTIN SIMMS WASN'T AT THE OFFICE . AND WHEN CLAY REACHED SIMMS' HOME, HE RECEIVED A SURPRISE . .




YO'RE THE ONE I'M AFTER! IT WUZ YOU WHO ROBBED ME! YOU KNEW I'D BE RIDING THAT DAY! AND THAT'S WHY YOU TRIED TO ACCUSE ME OF THE ROBBERY...TO THROW SUSPICION OFF YOU!
VERY INTERESTING.

IT'S A SHAME YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL THAT TO ANYBODY...BECAUSE I'M GOING TO SILENCE YOU PERMANENTLY! I CAN'T HAVE MY PERFECT CRIME EXPOSED BY A NO-COUNT SADDLE TRAMP LIKE YOU!

SIMMS OUTSMARTED HIMSELF! HE WARNED ME TO FOLLOW YOU, TELLING ME YOU MIGHT LEAD ME TO THE HIDDEN GOLD' WELL, YOU DID... BUT NOT THE WAY SIMMS MEANT!
DON'T WORRY, MISTER SIMMS...YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETIRE ANYWAY... IN JAIL!!
THE END

DAVY TO THE RESCUE!
WHOOP!
HELP!
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ACT NOW!
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UH-OH!
HEY! TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! THAT DAVY CRICKET IS ROUGH ON INJUNS!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE BULLIES, DAVY!
WANT TO SEE MY CAMP?
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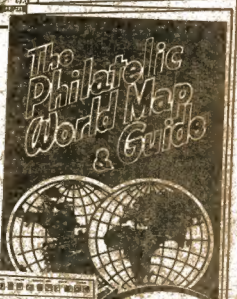

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